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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in Chicago and New York were unchanged on all sizes. In all other areas, weekly prices were sharply lower on all weights. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady beginning the week. Demand improved in some locations and was generally noted as light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were in close balance to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for normal to reduced slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest prices were 5 cents lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate and noted as improved. Food service movement was usually light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was rated as quiet as breakers assess needs for this week. Schedules full-time to reluctantly full-time. Floor stocks ranged in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-56	50-52
LARGE	47-55	49-53
MEDIUM	46-52	49-52

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	32-36
MEDIUM	29-31
SMALL	12-16

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Wwestern NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was cautiously steady to barely steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the fair demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for normal to reduced processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-69	58-62
LARGE	51-66	56-60
MEDIUM	48-63	53-55

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were 3 to 5 cents lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate and noted as improved. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies fully adequate for all sizes.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	60-67
LARGE	55.5-62
MEDIUM	52.5-59

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone ranged cautiously steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56.5-69	58-61
LARGE	55-69	55-59
MEDIUM	51.5-59	52-56

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady to barely steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	65-69
LARGE	63-67
MEDIUM	60-64

**CHICAGO** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady to steady. Demand was mostly moderate and was noted as improved somewhat over last week. Supplies were usually fully adequate for all sizes.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	55-61
LARGE	53-59
MEDIUM	50-56

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**WESTERN** Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and 4-5 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 7%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate, best to cover features. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 64. Ads in Northern California: major-extra large 18 pack 199, large dozen buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	89
MEDIUM	84

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-339	JUMBO	255-339
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	209-229	LARGE	215-259
MEDIUM	189-199	MEDIUM	189-215

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 09, 2003 will increase by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 02, 2003 were 187,979 cases which was 13 percent below the prior week and 13 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	149,227	38,752	187,979

% change from the prior week..... -12 -17 -13  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was rated as quiet as breakers assess needs for this week. Schedules full-time to reluctantly full-time. Floor stocks ranged in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.  
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-28
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the at least adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was mostly moderate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-MAY-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.11
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-MAY-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.56
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 05, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	16.8	8.7	10.5	11.7
	Change	-0.4	-0.8	-0.4	-2.4	1.1
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.2	55.3	16.3	24.7	28.7
	Change	3.8	3.8	3.5	7.3	3.3
Large	Curr Wk	40.5	114.4	75.3	106.3	96.8
	Change	6.9	14.8	-2.2	25.9	7.0
Medium	Curr Wk	10.0	35.6	13.7	20.4	24.6
	Change	2.0	4.0	-0.9	5.3	-2.8
Small	Curr Wk	2.0	5.6	2.8	6.6	6.3
	Change	0.7	-0.6	-0.4	0.3	-4.6
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	14.8	8.3	8.6	7.4
	Change	-0.4	-0.9	1.3	-4.1	1.5
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.3	46.3	20.5	20.5	29.4
	Change	-1.1	-0.5	7.7	0.0	0.9
Total	Curr Wk	104.1	288.8	145.6	197.6	204.9
Percent	Change	12%	7%	6%	20%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	941.0	9%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	250.5	13%	36
Total Shell Egg	1191.5	10%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	No	So	So	5-Area
Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Summary
92.6	269.0	137.0	165.3	198.5
				862.4

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 21, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 02, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 40.00								FUTURE LOADS 15.50				TOTAL LOADS 55.50			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	36.00	37.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	44.00	47.00	—	—	—	53.77	9.25
GL W XL	—	—	—	49.00	44.24	—	10.75	GL W LG	41.00	—	—	—	—	50.80	5.75
GL W LG	—	—	48.00	49.00	41.13	—	4.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	49.00	51.00	36.00	—	2.00	GL W SM	25.00	28.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	37.54	38.37	31.00	NRBS - 48	32.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/28/03-05/02/03

CURRENT LOADS 135.00								FUTURE LOADS 53.25				TOTAL LOADS 188.25			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	3.00	GNR W XL	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 1	35.00	45.00	40.33	40.25	40.75	42.50	11.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	48.50	1.00
GNR W 3	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 3	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	55.00	56.50	47.75	—	4.00	GL W J	52.00	—	—	—	—	60.00	4.50
GL W XL	—	51.18	52.00	52.63	45.22	—	52.25	GL W XL	44.73	48.33	—	—	—	54.88	28.00
GL W LG	—	50.00	49.80	51.43	42.73	48.00	32.50	GL W LG	42.43	47.20	—	—	—	51.12	34.75
GL W MD	—	51.50	50.03	51.50	38.12	44.00	20.00	GL W MD	42.00	46.60	42.00	43.00	—	47.37	17.00
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	28.00	29.50	1.00	GL W SM	25.67	27.33	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	39.00	—	—	.25	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25
NRBS - 48	37.00	—	37.00	38.33	36.00	37.83	61.75	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	—	.75	NRBS - 48	32.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/28/03	04/21/03	04/29/02
PACIFIC COAST	124	89	437
LOS ANGELES	92	57	425

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79.41
LARGE	79.10
MEDIUM	73.42
SMALL	54.27

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 04/20/03-04/26/03  
30-dozen case 5,311

Receipts from the mainland: 04/13/03-04/19/03  
30-dozen case 9,359

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## Egg Quality Control

## OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 5/01/03

Report Period: 04/13/03 - 04/19/03

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	Total
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	State
Arizona	0	0	3,340	3,340
Arkansas	0	0	924	924
Colorado	0	780	6,969	7,749
Illinois	0	0	1,029	1,029
Iowa	4,748	14,666	47,197	66,611
Maine	0	0	1,640	1,640
Minnesota	2,290	0	21,102	23,392
Missouri	0	0	3,120	3,120
New Hampshire	810	780	780	2,370
North Carolina	0	0	7,557	7,557
Ohio	810	2,403	5,152	8,365
Oregon	4,165	3,438	14	7,617
Texas	0	0	860	860
Utah	824	735	9,300	10,859
Virginia	0	0	822	822
Washington	333	420	0	753
Wisconsin	0	0	1,520	1,520
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,980</b>	<b>23,222</b>	<b>111,326</b>	<b>148,528</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>13,980</b>	<b>23,222</b>	<b>111,326</b>	<b>148,528</b>